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L. ROGERS,
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Smethport, Pa., April 30, 1886.

### CALL FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE,
Philadelphia, April 14, 1886.

The Republican State Convention will be held in the Opera House at Harrisburg, on the last Wednesday of June, the 30th, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of Internal Affairs and Congressman at Large, and for the transaction of other business.

The attention of Republicans throughout the State is respectfully directed to the following Permanent Rules amended last year for the holding of State Conventions, and the conduct of the party.

First. That Delegates to State Conventions shall be chosen in the manner in which candidates for the General Assembly are nominated, except in Senatorial districts composed of more than one county, in which conference for the selection of Senatorial delegates shall be chosen in the manner aforesaid.

Second. Hereafter the State Convention of the Republican party shall be held not earlier than the third Wednesday of August, except in the year of the Presidential election, when it shall be held not more than thirty days previous to the day fixed for the National Convention, and except in Gubernatorial years. At least sixty days' notice shall be given of the time of the State Convention.

Third. That we recommend to the county organizations, that in their rules they allow the largest freedom in the general participation in the primaries coincident with the preservation of the party organization.

By order of the Republican State Committee,

THOS. V. COOPER,
Chairman.

### MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The members of the Republican County Committee are requested to meet at the Grand Central Hotel in Smethport on Monday, May 3, 1886, at one o'clock p. m. for the purpose of fixing a day for holding a County Convention for electing delegates to the State Convention and nominating a county ticket to be supported in the coming county contest by the voters of the several wards by the republican party in the county. It is thought by many that the holding of a county Convention in June for nominating a county ticket is generally not but a convention should be held later in the summer for that purpose. This question, which is an important one, will be decided at the meeting of the committee on the 3d of May, therefore a general attendance is requested.

L. ROGERS, Chairman.

J. H. WENTWORTH, } Secy's.
T. F. RICHMOND, }

### REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

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do 3d " " J. W. Shaw.
do 4th " " J. W. Shaw.
do 5th " " S. J. Stanton.
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do 2d " " W. H. Pratt.
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Duke Centre boro—1st dist., W. B. Graves.
do 2d " " S. M. Jones.
Eldred boro—F. A. Armstrong.
Eldred twp—E. M. Clark.
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do 2d " " W. E. Wilson.
Hamlin twp—Ira Wardle.
Hamilton twp—W. L. Bartholomew.
Keating twp—1st dist., J. H. Bentley.
do 2d " " W. A. Huff.
Kendall boro—1st dist., J. F. Brenneman.
do 2d " " T. J. Martin.
Lafayette twp—Mark Hardie.
Liberty twp—A. L. Baldwin.
Norwich twp—Jonathan Hagerman.
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do 2d " " S. S. Moore.
Port Allegany—A. A. Larrabee.
Sergeant twp—Robert Dicks.
Smethport—John McClaffie.
Wetmore twp—George Grimes.

H. C. BLOSS, Esq., of the Titusville *Herald*, is a candidate for the legislature here. If he is not nominated by acclamation, injustice will be done a mighty good man.

THE Chicago *Herald* says that Mrs. Grant, impatient of the delay of subscriptions to the General's monument, has offered to subscribe $100,000 to the fund, which has otherwise reached $460,000.

WHY there should be any dispute on the number of hours that should constitute a day's work? The sensible plan would be to pay by the hour, not by the day, and let every one labor as many, or as few, as he may wish. *N. Y. Sun.*

THE Wellsboro *Advocate* in speaking of the coming Republican State Convention says, "the ticket of 1886 will be nearly the same as that presented and defeated, in 1882." If "nearly" means one and certainly not more than two out of four, then the *Advocate* is a good guesser.

EDITOR ACHESON of the Washington *Observer* is being boomed for congress in the 24th district. It would be somewhat thing of a novelty for that district to be once more represented by a live man. A great many people will hope that the congressional lightning will strike in Acheson's direction.

ALL hope of recovering the bodies of the 26 miners entombed at Nanticoke, has been finally given up. A second bore hole was driven from the tunnel to the main gangway, and it was discovered a few days ago that the latter was filled with quicksand and water. This at once put a stop to all further operations.

GEN. WISTER, a former owner of the Mercer Orphan School, has commenced a suit in equity against the syndicate controlling the school, claiming that by virtue of an unfilled contract, made at the time of the transfer of the institution in 1874, he is entitled to one fifth interest of the profits accruing. These, he alleges, will exceed $100,000. W. W. Moore has been appointed master in the case.

WE have yet to meet a republican in the county who is in favor of holding the county convention this year as early as in the month of June. The sentiment seems to be almost unanimously in favor of a late convention, not earlier than September. The county committee which meets in this place on Monday next, will decide whether to call one or two conventions.

IT is a little surprising to find Mr. Cleveland falling back upon the Hamiltonian doctrine of implied powers. Aside from the question as to whether congress has any business to meddle in this matter at all, the weakness of all arbitration laws must be that they do not arbitrate. There is already provided, in the courts of law and equity, quite elaborate machinery for the adjustment of disputes. Questions that cannot be referred to the courts must be settled by mutual agreement. If the parties agree to submit their differences to arbitrators, then there can be arbitration, with or without legal authority. If they do not so agree, no laws can make them. This has been sufficiently demonstrated in the experience of our own state."—*Philadelphia Times.*

### CHANGE THE BASIS.

No more important question will come before the state convention than that of deciding whether future representation in the conventions of the party shall be based upon the party vote or the number of representatives a county happens to have, whether wrongfully or not, in the legislature. Upon this subject we heartily endorse the following, which we find in the last Tioga *Agitator*:

The most important action of the committee was the appointment of a sub-committee to revise the rules of the party and report to the State Convention, which shall have power to accept or reject any proposed change in the present rules. This committee was appointed by Chairman Cooper, and it consists of D. H. Hastings of Centre county, Adam Albright of Philadelphia, Cyrus T. Fox of Berks, E. F. Acheson of Washington, and Emanuel Wertheimer of Allegheny. Mr. Hastings, who moved the appointment of the committee, explained that his object was to have a change made in the rules relating to party representation. At present the State Convention comprises as many delegates as there are members of the legislature, each senatorial and representative district being entitled to the same representation that it has in the legislature. Mr. Hastings proposes to abrogate this antiquated and unfair system and base the representation on the republican votes of the several districts.

It is hardly necessary to say that the *Agitator* heartily agrees with Mr. Hastings. We have frequently pointed out the inconveniences, inequalities and unfairness of the present manner of making up the state convention, and it is discreditable to the party that the rules were not changed years ago. It is safe to say that no party in any northern state maintains so absurd and inequitable a system of representation as our present one—a system which confers upon a minority of the party the power to control the action of its convention. It is undoubtedly true, as Mr. Hastings says, that discontent exists among republicans in many counties concerning this matter. That discontent has been indicated from year to year by the repeated efforts made to amend the rules, and it will increase in strength and depth until the republicans of all counties are put on an equal footing in this regard. To show that the discontent with the present rules is based upon substantial inequalities it is only necessary to arrange together a few of the counties, so that the reader may see at a glance the glaring disproportion between their republican vote and the representation in the republican convention. In the following table we give the vote for Blaine in several of the counties and the number of representative delegates to which each is entitled:

| Counties | Rep. votes | Delegates. |
|---|---|---|
| McKean | 3,220 | 1 |
| Venango | 3,961 | 3 |
| Bedford | 3,983 | 2 |
| Tioga | 3,714 | 2 |
| Clarion | 2,679 | 2 |
| Delaware | 7,536 | 3 |
| Franklin | 5,570 | 3 |
| Westmoreld | 8,329 | 4 |
| Washington | 6,690 | 3 |
| Bradford | 8,405 | 3 |
| York | 8,644 | 5 |
| Clearfield | 3,271 | 1 |
| Cambria | 3,250 | 2 |
| Crawford | 7,333 | 3 |
| Lancaster | 10,855 | 6 |
| Chester | 10,885 | 6 |
| Berks | 9,587 | 5 |
| Warren | 3,048 | 1 |
| Perry | 3,105 | 2 |
| Columbia | 2,485 | 2 |
| Centre | 3,857 | 2 |
| Blair | 6,326 | 3 |
| Lycoming | 5,355 | 3 |
| Dauphin | 9,324 | 3 |
| Lebanon | 5,267 | 2 |
| Fayette | 5,955 | 3 |
| Wayne | 2,829 | 2 |

If the reader will only glance at the comparative vote and representation of Fayette and Wayne, Clarion and Delaware, Perry and Columbia, Lycoming and Blair, Bradford and York, Chester and Berks, Tioga and Bedford McKean and Venango, he will see at once the gross injustice of the present rule. We trust that Mr. Hastings and his committee may be moved to make a thorough analysis of the whole question, so that the convention may feel impelled at last to reform the rules in accordance with republican principles.

### SLEPPY OF 101, SINGSING.

The sweeping charges made against Dr. Higbee by Gov. Pattison, in his report of the Orphan School investigation, brought out a retaliatory letter from the doctor which is favorably commented on by all the leading papers of the state of both parties. The Lancaster *Intelligencer*, of which Chairman Beates is editor, and one of the ablest democratic papers of the entire country has this to say of the letter:

"The superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans School writes to the governor what must be conceded to be a good letter. He starts out with the declaration of the pertinent fact that the governor has not heretofore, during their official connection, intimated to him any difference of opinion upon the policy of conducting the schools, which differentiates the governor now making the occasion of asking his resignation.

"He says that the governor has made his investigation of the conditions of the schools, without inviting his participation in the inquiry; and has made his charges against him and has condemned him, out of hand, without allowing him an opportunity to know and meet the accusations before they were given their fruit.

"He suggests that as the governor admits that he has no power to remove him, it follows that he had no right to demand his resignation which would then be a compulsory resignation equivalent to dismissal. He considers that the law has been vindicated in its failure to give this power over his office to the governor, by the arbitrary manner in which Governor Pattison has shown that he would use it.

"So far as this reply of the superintendent accuses the governor of condemning him without giving him the opportunity of meeting the accusations against him, it is undoubtedly just. It was all right for the governor to make his inquiry independently of the superintendent, whose action it challenged, but when he had found what he considered to be derelictions of duty upon the part of that official, it was his duty to advise him thereof and invite his answer to the charges and the evidence before condemning him. It is also true that when the governor had not the power to dismiss the superintendent, it would have been in better order to report the result of his inquiry into his conduct to the legislature, than to demand of him that he should resign."

D. N. ROOK who was chosen by the democrats as controller of Williamsport, was arrested for embezzlement of funds belonging to an organization of the Knights of Labor. In a circular addressed to him, they called upon Rook to resign his office and retire from the position to which they loyally aided in electing him. He denies his guilt and has given bail for his appearance at court. It is said that this is not the first time he has misappropriated trust funds. On a former occasion his sons stepped to the front and settled the matter by paying the deficiency.

### FROM THE STATE CAPITOL.

[From our own correspondent.]

HARRISBURG, April 26, 1886.—In some countries an offender against law is deemed guilty simply by bringing an accusation against him. He is considered *guilty* unless the accused can prove that he is innocent. In this land of ours an offender is deemed *innocent* until an accusation against him or her is proved to be true by due process of law. And what a blessed thing it is that this is true. Public sentiment had been so effectually moulded to receive the expose in the matter of soldier's orphan's schools scandal that all who read the accounts of the *Record* were prepared to receive them, and the entire management of these institutions was condemned, and the schools themselves were classed as pest-houses and vile dens of iniquity, with the pupils running around almost naked and with pinched and drawn faces, the result of starvation.

Such was the interpretation of the governor's report, and people believed it, but Dr. Higbee's reply to the report has somewhat changed the drift of public opinion, and the reception of his letter, which is a clear, manly, frank and able paper, has given rise to the question, "Can there be a hidden purpose to be served by the manner of the expose inquisitorial proceedings?"

Your correspondent has been loath to express an opinion heretofore, but it does seem, after a talk with Dr. Higbee, in Lancaster a few days ago, that there is a hidden cause for the unmerited castigation this good, old gentleman has received at the hands of the governor. Understand me, I do not for a moment impeach the governor's motives, for I give to him, personally, the merit of sincerity, but I must stop there. The impression, since Dr. Higbee's answer has appeared in print, is that the governor has been used by persons who, like the innocent heathen Chinese, are boiled for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." I have no defense for the lax discipline at the schools and trust that the fullest legal investigation will be instituted and the guilty punished with the extreme sentiment, Dr. Higbee is regarded as persecuted instead of prosecuted.

It is just as fair to accuse the governor of official laxity in the performance of duty in this respect as Dr. Higbee, because it must be recalled that in his inaugural address almost four years ago "reform," "reform" was the watchword and it was gravely announced from the portico of the State capitol, "I will see that every statute and every article of the State constitution is rigidly enforced." How has that been kept? Does it not seem that the joint responsibility of superintendent of soldier's orphan's schools and the executive has been shirked and placed on the shoulders of but one of them, and that one Dr. Higbee?

State Senator Hood, of Indiana county passed through Harrisburg last week and reported that the sentiment in his section of the State was unanimous for Gen. Beaver for governor. Col. Montooth, of Pittsburg, has, he said, considerable of a following for Lieutenant-governor, but an undercurrent of opinion favored the old ticket of four years ago.

He ridiculed the report that the independents of four years ago or the grangers would be unfriendly to Gen. Beaver. Vic. Piolette would be proud if he possessed the power to deliver the granger vote, solid, against Beaver, but poor Piolette, with his head bellied, brass-buttoned blue coat is regarded as a fossil and reminder of ages long since gone by, and his once potent authority is a thing of the past. I had a long talk a few days ago with a late secretary and present member of the Liquor League and learned from him that there was to be no organized opposition to Beaver if he should be nominated.

Indications point to a harmonious convention in June next, notwithstanding Tom Bayne's *Penny Press* of Pittsburgh, which has attempted to throw a fire brand into camp. But you know Tom Bayne is impetuous and impolitic in much of his political work. He sees only perfection in what Tom Bayne does. He is a sort of "Bombastes Furioso." His attack on Chairman Cooper of the State Central Committee is looked upon here, by republicans, as a move towards political "boss ship" by Bayne, and like the "boomerang" of the Fiji Islands, his missile may rebound and hit the one who throws them. Red-headed and hopeful Tom Cooper always gets there and possesses the entire confidence of party leaders, but Mr. Bayne takes no stock in party leaders. He does not believe in bosses, yet he, I have been told by a Pittsburgh gentleman, is a *boss* in his own congressional district. It is the old story repeated, "he can't see the splinter in his own optic, while he detects a rotten wood in the eyes of others."

The republican outlook is encouraging, and hurrah for Beaver.

Things remain in a chaotic condition in the democratic ranks. Everything is, or seems to be, at odds and ends. The leaders are looking around for someone who may lead them out of the wilderness, but there are so many pitfalls to be avoided that it does appear that no one man possesses all the requisites of a trustworthy pilot.

That Gibraltar of democracy, York county, through its county committee, has declared for Lieutenant-Governor Black for governor, and the delegates, headed by Levi Maish, are to be instructed for Black.

J. Simpson Africa smiles when he is asked what his prospects are, and says he would be pleased if the nomination was tendered to him. The hide-bound bourbons don't like him.

Then comes Wallace, who reiterates that his love of private life is too strong; ex Senator Cox, who won't take it if tendered; T. V. Powderly, who is a bigger man to-day among the people who appreciate his work than any governor, and so on down the list, *ad infinitum*. The one man to combine all the requisites necessary to please the warring factions of our political opponents seems not yet to have been born. It is not strange, either, when you find prominent leaders of this party at words' points on vital questions of national importance. In State affairs it is patronage, and Randall gets there all the time.

But we will see later. We hope for an opponent worthy our steel.

ALCROFT.

### The President's Marriage.

It is rumored that the report of the president's coming marriage is founded upon fact. The bride-elect is Miss Folsom, the pretty ward of his excellency, whose downy coziness and youthful sweetness attracted so much attention when she visited the White House shortly after the inauguration and before she was out of school—sweet little maid from school! She visited the White House early in October with her mother, Mrs. Folsom, of Buffalo, before Miss Cleveland returned to the capital and while Mrs. Hoyt, another sister of the president, was looking after his comforts. The president and Miss Folsom drove out frequently in the glorious autumn afternoons and the mother and daughter were much with the girl. Miss Folsom is a tall, handsome girl, with dark eyes, black hair and brilliant coloring. The president received a cable message when they arrived on the other side of the Atlantic and now he receives a letter from Italy almost every week. It is further known that she writes beautifully and sends a highly interesting letter. She is now in Italy, whence all of her correspondence is being elaborately embroidered. It will take until January to complete the bridal arrangements, but the president declares he would have been married this year but for the numerous deaths in the cabinet and high official circles.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

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### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—With the national academy of sciences in session here; the gallant New York Seventh regiment in possession of the city for two days; the Pan Electric investigation enlivened by the testimony of Attorney General Garland; the strike investigation made interesting by such witnesses as Jay Gould and Grand Master Workman Powderly, and the usually slow and cautious United States passing private pension bills at the rate of one a minute for a whole day's session, without one senator in ten having any idea of the merit or lack of merit of any of them, it would seem that the people of Washington had had a good deal to see and listen to and wonder at this week.

Mr. Powderly, who attracted much curious observation, made a presentation of the labor side of the case and gave a history of the organization of the Knights of Labor. He also paid the gallant and graceful tribute to the gentler sex of which it is proverbially alleged that it never keeps a secret. Women are playing an unimportant part in the work of the Knights of Labor and the Master Workman says that the management of their assemblies is so admirable as to be a pattern the men would do well to imitate. Of course they have secrets to keep, for the organization is of that character, but it seems that their secrets are well kept. They have interests at stake in the pending controversy quite as great as those of their husbands, sons, and fathers; and having, as a rule, more discretion and patience, no doubt make better use of their influence.

The railway magnate said on the witness stand that he thought the acts of the Knights were very different from the representation and pledges to him, and that the private instructions of Mr. Powderly were different from his general circulars. Mr. Gould maintained that he acted in good faith, but he thought it was bad faith on the part of Messrs. Powderly and McDowell to make public his note of instructions to Mr. Hoxie to arbitrate the troubles. He had not consented to its publicity at that time.

Considerable time was occupied by the witness in reading the proclamations by local assemblies, Knights of Labor, upon the assumption of victory in the termination of the strike. He read a portion of the proclamations in a dramatic way, his weak voice at times rising to a high pitch. One of the proclamations denounced the witness as a "master fiend," "a robber of the rich and poor," "a buyer of votes to rob us of our little homes," "a blighter of lives," etc.

As the rough passages were read Mr. Gould trembled with feeling and at times the jamming, surging crowd in the committee room smiled audibly and even tittered. Mr. Gould evinced a thorough knowledge of the strike and causes of it, and showed that he had made preparations for testifying intelligently and fully.

The gallant Seventh of New York could have received no warmer ovation when, at the call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops, it rushed to the defence of the national capital a quarter of a century ago, than was tendered it when it came this time. All Washington rang with enthusiasm as its martial tread resounded along the broad thoroughfares, in commemoration of that other and grimmer march, 25 years before.

Our anniversaries are beginning to multiply, to grow in value and significance, as from the ever receding point of view they afford, we contemplate the episodes they commemorate. Our youth has always been our reproach—a reproach that is being removed from us as rapidly as time will permit. We have not yet acquired the self-complacent superiority of age, but these commemorative occasions remind us that we are rapidly divesting ourselves of youth.

The regiment numbers eight hundred men when on parade, but they seemed to number seven thousand when scattered about the city. They were found everywhere strolling about the parks, at the White House, in the hotel lobbies, at the Capitol, the departments and on the streets, where they attracted considerable attention.

They were reviewed by the president and he must have felt proud that among that large body of New Yorkers, not one had come to Washington to get office.

THE situation in the democratic party at the present time seems to be that Frank Hurd has been voted out; that Joseph Pulitzer has resigned; that Henry Watterson is going to Europe and that a republican woman has been appointed Postmaster of the Louisville *Courier Journal*.—Chicago *News.*

MR. POWDERLY has called a general assembly of the Knights of Labor of the United States and Canada to meet in Cleveland on May 25th. This will be a special meeting of the general assembly to consider the general labor troubles throughout the country and the proposed legislation with reference to some system of arbitration in disputes between employers and employees.

### Can the Governor Remove Higbee?

Ed Jugde Briggs, who was counsel for Recorder Lane when that gentleman refused to be removed from office by Governor Pattison, is quoted as saying that the Governor has the right to remove Superintendent Higbee, such right being affirmed by the decision of the supreme court against Mr. Lane. But very little examination is required in order to see that the Lane and Higbee cases are not parallel.

The Governor is authorized by the Constitution to appoint several officers "at pleasure" and a Superintendent of Public Instruction "for four years." He cannot appoint the latter official ofmer unless a vacancy occurs. It is true that the Recorder act under which Mr. Lane's appointment and removal took place provided that the official in question should hold office for a term of ten years and until his successor should be appointed, but the Supreme Court decided that the constitution by authorizing certain appointments "during pleasure" and exceptions "during good behavior," and affixing one appointment by making it for four years, sanctioned the principal of removal at pleasure, as applying wheresoever there was no explicit statement to the contrary and as necessary to ideal executive responsibility.

The public welfare seemed to demand both the rule and the exception thus expressly made to it. The power of appointment and removal is necessary to the proper management of a supreme political office, controlling other political offices; but here a non-political office, which it is desirable to keep out of politics at all times, is created. It must be filled somehow, so the power of filling it was vested in the general executive head of the State. This disposition of the power of appointment, however, did not and apparently was not intended to destroy the non-political character specially conferred upon the office itself by the Constitution.—*Philadelphia Times.*

### The President's Hand in Politics.

The president in trying his hand at politics is making a bad job of it for himself and the democratic party. By sending for members of congress to whip them into the traces for the Morrison tariff bill he shows that he does not understand what is popular sentiment. He makes himself an auxiliary to a proceeding, which it is of no practical value, arrays him on the side of the free traders and advertises to the already strong and growing protection sentiment that he and the party are hereafter to be found on the free trade side of the tariff question.

To this republicans cannot, of course object, for they invite the squarest kind of issue on the tariff question.

Mr. Randall is a better politician and a wiser statesman. With him the president, to gratify Carlisle and his associates, has broken faith. Not only that, but in a manner that has called forth from Randall a sharp rebuke.

"The president," says he, "cannot electioneer congressmen as to their duty regarding legislation. It is unseemly, and will be to him as fatal as it has been to whoever has tried it."

Could the republicans have had their own way they could not have devised a course for the president more helpful to them than the one he has chosen. Democrats have been appealing to him to throw more politics into his actions. He has responded, but in a way which, whatever some democrats may think of it, is entirely satisfactory to the republicans.—Pittsburg *Times.*

### Age of Presidents when Inaugurated.

The various Presidents were inaugurated at the following ages:

| | Years. | Months. | Days. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 57 | 2 | 10 |
| Adams | 61 | 4 | 15 |
| Jefferson | 57 | 11 | 2 |
| Madison | 57 | 11 | 18 |
| Monroe | 58 | 10 | 0 |
| Adams (J. Q.) | 57 | 8 | 23 |
| Jackson | 61 | 11 | 19 |
| Van Buren | 54 | 5 | 29 |
| Harrison | 68 | — | 25 |
| Tyler | 51 | 1 | 7 |
| Polk | 49 | 3 | 2 |
| Taylor | 64 | 3 | 24 |
| Fillmore | 50 | 3 | 8 |
| Pierce | 49 | 3 | 14 |
| Buchanan | 65 | 8 | 11 |
| Lincoln | 52 | 1 | 22 |
| Johnson | 56 | 3 | 15 |
| Grant | 46 | 10 | 7 |
| Hayes | 54 | 5 | 13 |
| Garfield | 49 | 4 | 5 |
| Arthur | 51 | 5 | 15 |
| Cleveland | 47 | 11 | 16 |

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### Assignee's Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER AND DECREE made by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, I, R. A. Dempsey, assignee of A. Ege, for the benefit of creditors, will sell in front of the Oil Exchange, in the city of Bradford, on

**Thursday, May 20th, 1886,**

at 3 o'clock p. m., to the highest and best bidder, all the following described real estate to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Lafayette, in said county of McKean, and state of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, to-wit: Being lot number eight (8) in block number nineteen (19) of the plan of the village of Alton, Webster survey of said township, and beginning at the north-east corner of number eight (8); thence south fifty-two (52) feet to the north line of lot number two (2); thence east fifty (50) feet to the southwest corner of lot number one (1); thence north one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the north line of the said lot number one; thence west by the line of the State Road fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning. Being the premises conveyed to said A. Ege by Stephen Howard and wife by deed dated Nov. 24, 1879, and recorded, etc., and being unimproved.

Terms of sale: The above property will be sold free and discharged from liens and encumbrances and on the following terms: One-third of purchase money to be paid in cash and the balance in two equal payments at three and six months from date of sale, with interest to be secured by judgment bond and mortgage by the purchaser on the premises.

R. A. DEMPSEY,
Assignee of A. Ege.

G. L. ROBERTS, Att'y for Assignee.

### Assignee's Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER AND DECREE made by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, I, R. A. Dempsey, assignee of Huff & Ege, for the benefit of creditors, will sell in front of the Oil Exchange, Bradford, on

**Thursday, May 20, 1886,**

at 3 o'clock p. m., to the highest and best bidder all the following described real estate to-wit:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Hamilton township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: All the eastern one-half part of a certain lot or parcel of land known as a part of Warrant No. 3073, and bounded by a line commencing from the west line of said warrant, and running across said warrant, on the land south, as marked thereon by A. I. Wilcox on a draft or map thereof in the year, 1878, containing a hundred acres strict measure, the part hereon intended being fifty acres off the eastern part of said one hundred acres and being same premises conveyed to said Huff & Ege by Johnathan Salisbury and wife by deed, dated July 29, 1880, and recorded in the recorder's office of McKean Co., in deed book, Vol. No. 0, page 61, etc., and being all unimproved.

ALSO

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Lafayette, in said county of McKean, and state of Pennsylvania, and described as follows, to-wit: Being lot number eight (8) in block number nineteen (19) of the plan of the village of Alton, Webster survey of said township, and beginning at the north-east corner of number eight (8); thence south fifty-two (52) feet to the north line of lot number two (2); thence east fifty (50) feet to the southwest corner of lot number one (1); thence north one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the north line of the said lot number one; thence west by the line of the State Road fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning. Being the premises conveyed to said A. Ege by Stephen Howard and wife by deed dated Nov. 24, 1879, and recorded, etc., and being unimproved.

Terms of sale: The above property will be sold free and discharged from liens and encumbrances and on the following terms: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash and the balance in two equal payments at three and six months from date of sale, with interest to be secured by judgment bond and mortgage by the purchaser on the premises.

R. A. DEMPSEY,
Assignee of Huff & Ege.

G. L. ROBERTS, Att'y for Assignee.

### Assignee's Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER AND DECREE made by the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county, I, R. A. Dempsey, assignee of H. B. Huff for the benefit of creditors, will sell front of the Oil Exchange in the city of Bradford, on

**Thursday, May 20, 1886,**

at 3 o'clock p. m., to the highest and best bidder all the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in Bradford city, McKean county, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of Congress and Kane streets; thence westerly along the line of Kane street ninety (90) feet; thence northerly and parallel with said Congress street, forty (40) feet; thence easterly ninety (90) feet to said Congress street; thence along the west line of said Congress street forty (40) feet to the place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to H. B. Huff by Chas. M. Sewell and wife by deed dated May 25, 1882, and recorded in the recorder's office of McKean county, Pa., in deed book vol. 15, page 86, &c. Having thereon two story frame houses, out-houses, and one frame barn.

ALSO

All that certain other messuage, piece, parcel or lot of land situate in Lafayette township, McKean county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of lot No. 122, and in the southerly line of Congress street; thence north 3 degrees east forty-nine and one-fifth (49 1-5) rods to a post; thence north 41 degrees, west twenty-five (25) rods to a stake and stones; thence south 15 degrees, west thirty-eight and twenty-fifths (38 20-25) rods to a stake and stones; thence south 41 degrees, west eight and one-fifth twenty-fifths (8 1-25) rods to the place of beginning. Containing two acres of land, be the same more or less. Being a part of the Cornish farm, and being the same premises conveyed to A. Ege by A. I. Wilcox, sheriff of Mckean county, by deed, dated Sept. 27, 1881. Having thereon two oil wells, one boiler, two engines and one tank.

Terms of sale:—The above property will be sold free from liens and encumbrances and on the following terms: One third of purchase money to be paid in cash and the balance in two equal payments at three and six months from date of sale, with interest to be secured by judgment bond and mortgage by the purchaser on the premises.

R. A. DEMPSEY,
Assignee of H. B. Huff.

G. L. ROBERTS, Att'y for Assignee.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 83, October Term, 1885.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Linna A. Silke, by her next friend did, on the first day of June, 1885, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with David Silke.

We therefore command you, the said David Silke, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the County of McKean, on the Fourth Monday of May next, to answer the petition or libel of said Linna A. Silke and show cause, if any you have, why the said Linna A. should not be your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

Attest: A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.
E. Crossman, Att'y.

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 463, Oct. Term, 1885.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Emma F. Connor, by her next friend, William Collier, did, on the 1st day of Sept., 1885, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be DIVORCED from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Samuel F. Connor.

We therefore command you, the said Sam'l F. Connor, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of May next, to answer the petition or libel of said Emma F. Connor, and to show cause if any you have, why the said Emma F. Connor, your wife should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.
E. Crossman Attorney for Libellant

### Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 83, Dec. Term, 1885.

MCKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Alexander McCarroll, did, on the 1st day of Dec., 1885, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you Margarett I. McCarroll.

We therefore command you, the said Margarett I. McCarroll, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the 4th Monday of May next, to answer the petition, or libel of said Alexander McCarroll and to show cause, if any you have, why the said Alexander McCarroll your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided, Herein fail not.

A. F. BANNON, Sheriff.
Attest:
H. McSweeney, Att'y.

### Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of Thomas Kervin for the benefit of creditors. } In Court of Common Pleas of McKean Co., P., No. 72, Feb. Term '84.

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

Take notice that S. M. Reid, assignee of Thomas Kervin has filed his second and partial account as such assignee and that the same will account as such assignee and that the same will account as such assignee and that the same will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas for allowance, at a session of said Court to be held at Smethport, on Monday, the 24th day of May, A. D. 1886, at 2 o'clock p. m., and the same will be allowed and confirmed unless cause be shown why such account should not be allowed.

J. M. McCLARY, Prothonotary.

N. B. Smiley, attorney for assignee.
Smethport, April 27, '86-3t.

### Notice.

The following accounts of Executors and Administrators having been settled in the office of the Register, the same will be presented for confirmation at the Orphans Court to be held at Smethport, in and for the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on the fourth Monday of May, A. D. 1886.

Account of Augusta Pigel, Administratrix of the Estate of John Vigel, deceased.

First and partial account of A. D. Burbank Administrator of the Estate of Ephraim Baker deceased.

First and final account of Alfred D. Gallup, Executor of the Estate of Wheeler Gallup, deceased.

Partial account of Frank H. Hicks, Executor of the Estate of P. Scanlin, deceased.

J. M. McCLARY, Register.
H. M. CHOATE, Deputy.

Smethport, Pa., April 9, 1886.

### Notice.

AN application will be made May 24, 1886, to the Hon. A. G. Olmsted, President Judge of the Courts of McKean county, for the incorporation of "The Bradford Electric Light Co." Nature and character and object of said proposed corporation—the purposes to be promoted —are social and charitable.

McCLINN & McCLURE,
Att'y's for Incorporators.

April 19, 1886.-3w.

### Orphan's Court Sale.

ESTATE OF PARDON WRIGHT, DECEASED.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of McKean county, there will be exposed to public sale at the premises described below, on THURSDAY, the 20th day of MAY, A. D. 1886, at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described piece of land.

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the town and State of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post in the centre of the highway, distant sixty-eight and two-tenths (68 2-10) feet from the centre of the north-south road from Kane to Lafayette, at the south-west corner of a lot of land deeded by Cephas Scott to Pardon and Henry Wright by deed dated March 5, 1875, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 2, page 486; said post being also the south-west corner of lands now owned and occupied by Henry Wright; thence along the centre of said highway, south seventy-two and one-half (72½) degrees, east twenty-five (25) rods, more or less, to a post; thence still along the centre of said highway, north eighty-two and one-half (82½) degrees, east twenty-five (25) rods, more or less, to a post, the southwest corner of the lot of land deeded as aforesaid by Cephas Scott to tract deeded as aforesaid by Cephas Scott to Pardon and Henry Wright; thence north one hundred and twenty-four rods more or less to a post, the northwest corner of said tract; thence east on north line of said lot forty-one and one-half (41½) rods, more or less, to a post, the northwest corner of land now owned and occupied by Henry Wright; thence south fifteen and one-half (15½) degrees, east on said Henry Wright's land one hundred and twelve and six-tenths (112 6-10) rods, more or less to the place of beginning. Containing about forty-seven and one-half (47½) acres, be the same more or less, but the same more or less, being all that portion of said tract of land deeded by Cephas Scott to Pardon and Henry Wright, aforesaid, lying on the south side of Kinzua Creek. Also all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the town and State of Kane, county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and described and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post in the centre of the highway, distant sixty-eight and two-tenths (68 2-10) feet from the centre of the north-south road from Kane to Lafayette, at the south-west corner of a lot of land deeded by Cephas Scott to Pardon and Henry Wright by deed dated March 5, 1875, and recorded in the Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book 2, page 486; said post being also the south-west corner of

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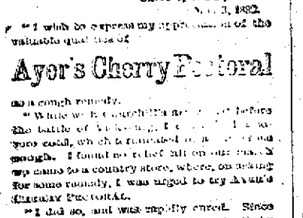

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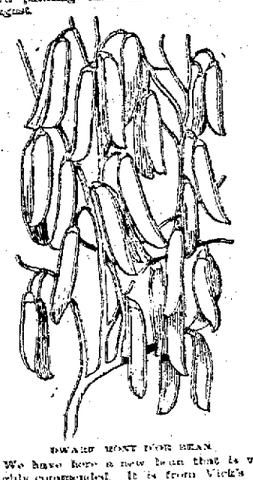
# FARM AND GARDEN

Do You Know Beans?

How much beans planted the time of corn planting. The ether, frost and warmer your soil is the tenderer the bean will be. This, when the vegetable is to be eaten green, pod and all, makes a difference. Most bush beans are eaten that way.

To plant, sow in rows eighteen inches to two feet apart. Make a shell or furrow, and drop the seed into it two or three inches apart. Cover lightly. One of the best ways to do this is simply to rake the earth over the seeds with the foot. Do not wait till they come up before going over the ground and raking up and destroying the little weeds. In about a week after planting do this, and it will save you at least three times as much labor after the plants have appeared. If you like green beans all summer, you can have them by a succession of plantings, ten days apart, from corn planting time till the first week in August.



DWARF MOST FOR BEAN

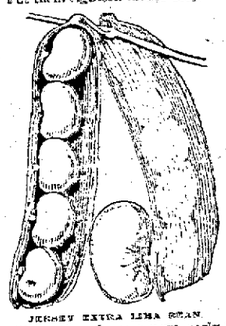
We have here a new bean that is very highly commended. It is from Vick's collection. It is from Germany, as our best beans mostly are. The Dwarf Most Or is of a bright yellow color. It is extra early, of a bright, stringless, and very prolific. It is tender, stringless, and very prolific. It is said to produce sometimes over thirty pods to the plant. Other excellent varieties are the Golden Wax and Early Valentine.

LIMA BEANS

This is the best of garden beans. It should not be planted as early as the bush beans. Be careful not to plant the Limas too early, or they will rot in the ground. A week after corn planting time is about right.

The bean poles should have all been prepared in the cold weather, so the boys will not have to stop to do it now. If these are ready the women of the family can, if necessary, do all the rest of the bean planting and culture except plowing and furrowing out the ground. Plant in hills, three to four feet apart, five or six seeds to the hill. It is recommended, when one has time, to set the seed edgewise, heart downward. Cover about two inches deep.

Put one pole to each hill. The poles should be seven to eight feet high. They will be the better for having a branching or forking top. Put them eighteen inches deep.



JERSEY EXTRA LIMA BEAN

The illustration shows a very early Lima bean highly recommended. Maturing later, but a huge, rich, fat bean when it does come, is the Large White Lima. It is the favorite for both private and market gardens. In the south succession crops of the Lima can be grown, starting in March and ending with November.

A sandy loam is the best soil for this vegetable. In this half grown state, hulled, the beans are usually eaten, with sweet corn and cream and butter, by many the most delicious succotash ever eaten by mortal or immortal. When dried an I used in winter with dried sweet corn the Limas make just as fine succotash, though not that case both need to be soaked in water several hours previous. It is such dishes as these that ought to reconcile farmers to life. No matter how much money the city man possesses he can never get absolutely fresh vegetables with the flavor of the dew and sun upon them. A luxurious green table can be made of the vines if planted in or near the house.

When dried the Lima beans are extremely salable, and profitable, too. When boiled green and sold by the quart they bring excellent prices. The one fail to have a patch of them for home use. You will have a substantial delicacy such that a king might sigh in vain for all the late summer and fall. If you have planted enough of them, you may have them dried all winter, too.

FIELD BEANS

The culture of field beans requires considerable labor, but still it pays, because this crop grows on light, gravelly soils on which others will not. The English grow a bean which is only used for feeding horses. American travelers in Great Britain wonder what the unknown vegetable is with which they see the fields covered. In the United States a very different article, smaller and more delicate, is used for human food and is cultivated as a field bean.

The Pea bean and the Navy bean are the best to plant for this crop. After the other beans or the potatoes are pretty well done, plow and spring work in ground. Run furrows about thirty inches apart. Two bushels of beans to the acre are required. Drill in the seed eight inches apart in the rows. When planted by hand drop three or four to a hill in hills eighteen inches apart. This is Mr. Crozier's method of culture. He covers the seed lightly, and never allows them to be touched in damp weather. This carries them to root. In dry weather he cultivates them weekly for the first month. Then he leaves them alone till gathering. They are then pulled and stacked about a pole, and left till they are ready to be threshed.

There is a bean harvester, invented by a farmer, which is of great value where good-sized fields are raised. It pulls the plants, shakes the soil from the roots, and drops them in the rows, ready to be picked up.

A crop of forty bushels to the acre can be raised, and they do not often sell for less than $2 a bushel. Sometimes they are $3, and they have been as high as $4. For a field crop, that is a very fair return. Another thing is to be remembered. The old-fashioned farmer laughed at the idea of saving bean hulls and bean straw. But the fact is, they make an excellent fodder for sheep, and sheep are fond of them. These days, and days when everything must be saved, even bean pods and vines.

Fodder in Michigan.

Professor Johnson, of the Michigan Agricultural college, contributes his share of valuable information on this subject. He has been experimenting several years in potatoes. He finds that they thrive best in sandy and gravelly loams. Red ground is good for them. Ashes are a special fertilizer for potatoes. Do not cut to one eye. Put one piece with three or four eyes on it. Put in drills three feet apart. Set the plants twelve to eighteen inches apart in the rows. This will give a larger yield than the ordinary way in hills. In field culture, however, hills three feet apart each way is best.

Do not hill up. In sandy soil deep plant-ing is best. If the plants are a long time coming up run over the field with a light harrow. It will break the crust of the ground and destroy young weeds. Do not put fresh stable manure on potato land. A little well rotted manure thoroughly harrowed in is good. When the rows of young plants can be seen go through with a shovel plow and cover them with about two inches of earth. Dig as soon as the tubers are their roughly ripe, and store them in a cool, dry place. Professor Johnson has not found potato diggers satisfactory.

A number of authorities now declare that, take it all in all, the Beauty of Hebron is the best potato that grows.

The Russian Fly in Wheat.

The fly by their eggs in April or early in May in the green wheat stalks. The eggs hatch, the little worms feed awhile on the juicy stalk and then go into the pupa state, and remain stupid till fall. Then they hatch and remain stupid till fall. Then they hatch into flies, which lay their eggs in the green stalks of the fall wheat, thus producing two broods of the pest a year. The worms feed on the green wheat in the fall till they get their start in life. Then they roll up and lie dormant in the stalk until spring. The wheat whose life they have sucked turns yellow in patches and dies. Pasturing the winter wheat with sheep in November and December will kill most of the worms. The sheep crop off the stalks close. If the flies come out in large numbers in spring, sow the wheat thick with slaked lime or soot or salt. Next year have your wheat field somewhere else.

Some hardy varieties of wheat, such as the Diehl and Clawson. Mrs. Trask in her book on "Injurious Insects," recommends sowing part of the wheat crop early in August. If the fly appears in this, put off plowing for sowing the rest till after Sept. 20. The bread will then have matured and will not go into the second planting.

George Geddes on Seed Wheat.

Wheat is the crop most given to deterioration; and new varieties are constantly sought for. I have seen the Red Chaff, Suhl, the Scotch, the White Flint, the Mediterranean, and how many more varieties, come and go! Why is this? I believe it is because we sow small and feeble seed. If we should select our seed wheat as we do our seed corn it would have some chance to endure as well as corn. I had a neighbor, farmed for his good farming, who would go into his barn after harvest, take bundles of wheat and set them on end, draw out the finest heads he could find until he had enough to make a bushel of wheat, shell it, and sow that finished on an acre of rich, clean land. He allowed no weeds to go to seed, and no harvested and cleaned the crop that the small seeds, if there were any, would go into the screen box, and use it only the best for seed. As I have said, he was famous for his wheat crops, and died before his wheat ran out. When he died the world suffered a great loss. But suppose his method to be carried out for a long series of years, would not the same result be seen that we recognize in corn?

Broom Corn.

Hot little broom corn is grown in this section of the country, though the industry might easily be made fairly profitable. The advance in broom corn is something unprecedented. A year ago it was worth $80 per ton, and now fetches from $180 to $240 per ton. The seed, ordinarily worth $2.50 per bushel, now sells at $50, and cannot be had in small seed quantities even at that price. The reason for this state of affairs is that a few years ago everybody went into raising broom corn, the market was overstocked, and prices went so low as to create a disgust for the industry. Last year only about one-third of a crop was raised, and no attention was paid to sowing the seed. There is probably not seed enough in the country to put out more than a third of a crop this year, and those farmers who are lucky enough to have seed on hand will make a good thing out of their broom corn crop in 1886.—Orange County Farmer.

The Largest Barn.

What is said to be the largest barn in the world is situated at Papillion, Neb., covers five acres, cost $125,000 and shelters 3,700 head of cattle. It is the intention of the owner to enlarge its capacity so as to produce 5,000 head. The immense structure is used for the purpose of fattening cattle after they have been three or four years on the ranges. The great barn has a complete system of water works, and is thoroughly washed twice every day. The cattle are fed upon cooked meal—one meal feeds the whole herd. All he has to do now is to turn a large faucet and let the feed run to them.

Things To Do and To Know.

Do not flow radishes.

Nichol's Medium Green cucumber is said to be the best for pickles.

Except in Kansas and Michigan, the prospect for winter wheat is good.

Her Majesty is the newest fashionable rose. It is a spotted one.

The highest landscape gardening is an art almost unknown in America.

Have a bed of pinks next one of pinks this summer, if you never had them before.

A sprinkling of a very mild mixture of carbonic acid in water will drive away the cutworm moth. So will a sprinkling of road dust or ashes, or anything gritty.

The New York American Merino Sheep Breeders' association held their annual shearing picnic at Canandaigua, this spring. Sheep were sheared upon the ground, and papers were read.

Set the asparagus last—or, now the cool. The latter is the shorter way if one doesn't mind waiting a year longer. Seedling plants are always stronger and will produce larger shoots than sets from old plants.

Penny Pearl says coal oil will cure scaly legs in fowls "every time." Dip the fowl's legs into the oil a couple of times, once in two or three days, till the scales begin to loosen, then stop using the oil, and rub the legs gently with melted lard.

An Arab Horse-Dealer's Warranty.

The following is the literal translation of a certificate recently given by an Arab horse-dealer to one of his customers:

"In the name of God, compassionate and merciful, thanks be to God the Lord of the universe. Prayer and health to the most illustrious of the prophets, to his posterity and to all his friends. Thanks be to God first, by his will the firmament moves, that by his mighty power He has created the world, the heads, horses, and every living thing, and to Adam also, whom He commanded to Adam also, whom He commanded His angels themselves to honor. To some of these beings living from the creation the Lord promised his favor, happiness and paradise, and for others He decreed scorn and His vengeance, which is the hell announced from eternity. Thus it is, as the Lord hath said, He has omitted nothing from the book which was for the pleasure of man. He has granted to him the passion of love for women, of affection for children, for thoroughbred horses, for birds, and for every living thing, and for gold and silver heaped up to hundred-weights. And he has also said, the stable of your horse shall drive away your enemies and these shall drive away your enemies and these shall drive away your enemies and these